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Testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill No. 27, An Act Prohibiting the Internet Publication of Voter Information

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Good afternoon Senator Cassano, Representative Jutila, and distinguished members of the Committee on Government Administration and Elections. My name is David McGuire. I am the Staff Attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut (ACLU-CT) and I am submitting this testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 27, An Act Prohibiting the Internet Publication of Voter Information.

This bill seeks to prohibit the posting of publicly available elector information on the internet by private entities. This bill disregards freedom of speech on the internet. People have the free speech right to post public available documents they obtained on the internet. Limiting protected online speech is not only unconstitutional but is also bad public policy.

This bill is an unnecessary and unconstitutional restriction on internet speech. For these reasons above we urge this committee to reject this proposal.